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Attorney Docket No. 01-050**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Walker et al.
Application No.: 09/994,810
Filed: November 27, 2001
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING DEMAND
INFORMATION AT A VENDING MACHINE
Attorney Docket No. 01-050

Group Art Unit: 3621
Examiner: J. Hayes

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005 (Paper No. 20050214)**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, (Paper No. 20050214), entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application are respectfully requested.

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Re: Application Serial No. 09/994,810
Attorney Docket No. 01-050
Applicants: WALKER et al.
Titled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING DEMAND INFORMATION AT A
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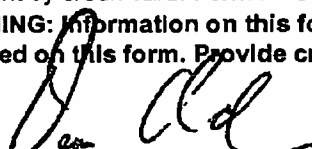
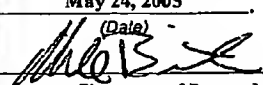
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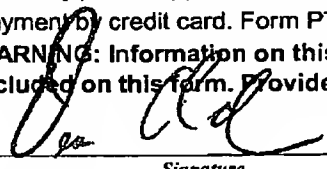
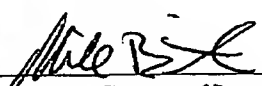
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In Re Application Of: WALKER et al.					
Application No. 09/994,810	Filing Date November 27, 2001	Examiner John W. Hayes	Customer No. 22927	Group Art Unit 3621	Confirmation No. 1237
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING DEMAND INFORMATION AT A VENDING MACHINE					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u> Transmitted herewith is: Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005 (29 pp.); and Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 pg.) (x2). in the above identified application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-0271 as described below. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. 01-050	
Applicant(s): WALKER et al.					
Application No. 09/994,810	Filing Date November 27, 2001	Examiner John W. Hayes	Customer No. 22927	Group Art Unit 3621	Confirmation No. 1237
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILITIZING DEMAND INFORMATION AT A VENDING MACHINE					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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